



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q64017

Hisao YAMADA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/836,236

Group Art Unit: 1752

Confirmation No.: 6436

Examiner: John S Y Chu

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For: METHOD FOR FORMING AZO COLORANT USING DIAZO COMPOUND AND COUPLER HAVING LEAVING GROUP AND RECORDING MATERIAL USING THE COUPLER

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are all the claims pending in the application.

The Examiner now rejects claims 1-32 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by YAMADA et al '359.

The Examiner's position is that YAMADA et al '359 discloses the claimed method for forming an azo colorant and the claimed recording material. In support of his rejection, the Examiner cites to Examples 8-16 of the YAMADA '359 reference.

The Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection for the following reasons.